



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE NEIGHBOR SUPPORT NEWSLETTER



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After much consideration and 25 years of City service, Hal will be retiring in January 2022 as Neighbor Support Manager. Hal joined the City of Fort Lauderdale in December 1996 and initially served as Project Engineer before becoming Engineering Design Manager in the Public Works Department.

In January 2012, the Neighbor Support Division was created under the City Manager's office to provide outreach and enhanced services to our neighbors. The division has grown from three staff members to a team of ten who coordinate City services such as responding to Commission and neighbor-initiated requests while reaching out to our business and neighborhood associations. Under the leadership of Hal, the Division has created a Neighbor Volunteer Office, the Education Office, Homeless Initiatives, and oversees the priorities set by the City Commission.

Numerous City programs and events have been developed under Hal's tenure including the annual Neighbor Support Night, Neighborhood Recognition Program, Block Party Program, Adopt-A-Neighbor, Adopt-A-Drain, and the nationally recognized Neighbor Leadership Academy. Hal has a love of the arts and the Lobby Art Gallery program was established to allow local artist's to showcase their artistic talents during rotating monthly exhibits held at City Hall.

On a State and National level, Hal has also been involved in the Florida Neighborhoods Conference and has served on their Board of Directors for over 20 years. He has participated in Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) for over 15 years and has served on the Board of Directors for six years.

His greatest talent has always been his ability to listen, reason, and assist wherever possible. A coworker once told him that his legacy will be that it is impossible to go into any neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale that has not been directly touched and improved by him and his Neighbor Support team. Hal always says that the City's greatest asset is its strong and active neighborhoods and he trusts that the friendships and bonds he has created with our neighbors will continue into his retirement. Hal is looking forward to spending time with friends and family and chartering trips to Rio de Janeiro and Hawaii.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Neighborhood Recognition Program

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Neighbor Recognition Program (NRP) provides an opportunity for associations to build strong communities by bringing residents, public servants, and elected officials together. Each year neighborhood associations are given the opportunity to update their status and new associations can formally become recognized.



## Neighbor Support Night

Once a year, Fort Lauderdale's City Hall parking garage is transformed into an intimate, festive open house setting for Neighbor Support Night.



It's a free, family-friendly outdoor event that provides our neighbors the chance to join together with their City to strengthen community ties, elevate public spirit and build civic awareness in a casual and fun environment.

## Adopt-A-Street

The Adopt-A-Street program is a cleanup campaign that offers a hands-on approach to beautification through litter removal and street maintenance. By participating in the program, civic-minded neighbors and organizations can take a more active role in their city to create inviting green spaces, prevent storm water pollution, preserve the environment, and build a more attractive Fort Lauderdale.



## Block Party Program

A neighborhood block party is a great way to meet new neighbors, build long-lasting friendships, foster good will, and create a sense of belonging and security while building community together.



## Upcoming Events

### Neighbor Leadership Academy Graduation

Our Class 9 Neighbor Leadership Participants have completed their workshops and are moving on to an upcoming winter graduation!

### Neighbor Support Night

Neighbor Support Night is back on **February 10th, 2022!** Meet City officials, staff, and neighbors and learn about City departments, programs, and services. Play fun games with your kids. Climb aboard emergency response and utilities vehicles. Our neighbors will enjoy the opportunity to explore job and volunteer opportunities and will also enjoy live entertainment and refreshments from local restaurants and businesses.

### Neighborhood Recognition Program

The campaign to recognize neighborhood associations kicks off in January! To become recognized a neighborhood association must complete the application by **March 1st, 2022.**

## Stay Connected

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